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As I understand the settlement with Microsoft, Microsoft may maintain as secret and proprietary certain critical parts of their operating system.

The vision of critical parts of our government using systems that have code known only to Mr. Gates is totally unacceptable to me as a citizen. A prerequisite for use in the government of any operating system should be that use of the system can have no unintended consequences. The only way such a premise can be true is for all operating systems used by our government be in the public domain. This used to be the law, The law appaently has been changed so that government offices can be infested by secret systems... Please consider these remarks.
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